



## Steam Mills Primary

24.05.2024



Dear Parents and Carers

### School Lunches

If your child requires school lunches after half-term, please check now that you have ordered them on Parentpay. We have a 48 hr cut-off for all orders. Thank you.

### AiP Meal Price Increase

Our caterers (Alliance in Partnership) have given notice of a price increase from **September 2024**. The meal price will be increased to **£2.78** per meal – meals will remain free of charge to those on means tested Free School Meals and Universal Free School Meals (Years R-2). The school understands the increase is brought about by food inflation and ongoing increases in labour costs; we feel that this price still offers good value for the quality of the meals served each day.

### PE Kits

Please could you ensure that children have their full PE kit in school at all times. All items of daily school uniform must be changed for PE; so they need a PE T-shirt, Shorts or Joggers and a change of footwear, Trainers or Daps. Please also check that all items are named, so that any lost property can be returned to your child. Thank you

### Tempest Photography – Class Photos

We emailed out the secure link for the class photos earlier this week. Please follow the on-line instructions or order. Please note there is free delivery to school available for the first 10-14 days. Thank you

### Prostars Clubs

Just a reminder that Prostars is finishing for Term 5 and children are requested to sign up for Term 6 if they would like to take part from **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** for KS1 and **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** for KS2. Please ask Miss Agg if you need another copy of the letter.

### FoSM Meeting – Planning of Summer Fayre

There will be a meeting in school on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** regarding the Summer Fayre. Everyone is welcome!

### Sports Day Morning – Picnic Lunch

We have our Sports Morning on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**. The morning should start on the "Big Field" from 9:30am. If it is sunny, please ensure children have sun-cream applied and a hat to wear as there isn't much shade on the field. We are also arranging for the children to enjoy a Picnic Lunch back in the school grounds on this day. Please could you ensure that only the main lunch options or sandwiches are ordered, we will not be providing Jacket Potatoes on this day. Thank you

### Term Dates 2023-24

#### Summer Term 2024

8<sup>th</sup> April—22<sup>nd</sup> July

#### INSET days:

22<sup>nd</sup> July

#### Diary Dates

(including Federation activities)

#### June

3<sup>rd</sup> Start of Term 6

4<sup>th</sup> Class 3 Gymnastics starting

7<sup>th</sup> FoSM Summer Fayre Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> Sports Day morning

19<sup>th</sup> Reading Café – 3:15pm

20<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 Federation Trip to  
Hopewell/Clearwell

Y5/6 Federation Sports at  
Soudley

21<sup>st</sup> FoSM Non-school uniform  
day – Jingle Jars  
Girls Football Five Acres

24<sup>th</sup> Bump up mornings & Forest  
& 25<sup>th</sup> High Taster Days Y6

24<sup>th</sup> Dene Magna Taster Week Y6  
-28<sup>th</sup>

28<sup>th</sup> Football at Five Acres  
FoSM Summer Fayre

#### July

2<sup>nd</sup> Five Acres Taster Day for Y6

3<sup>rd</sup> C4 Residential

5<sup>th</sup>

11<sup>th</sup> School Discos

15<sup>th</sup> Reports week

16<sup>th</sup> Leavers Performances –  
9:30am and 5:00pm

19<sup>th</sup> Last Day for children

22<sup>nd</sup> Inset Training Day

## Term 6 - Forest School

### Class 2

Forest school sessions will take place on **Thursday** mornings for the first 3 weeks of term. Please contact Ms Chamberlin or Mrs Evans if you are able to help. Please ensure your child comes into school wearing long sleeved top and long trousers with sensible shoes. A change of clothes would be needed in case of bad weather.

### Class 1

Forest school sessions will resume on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

### **Childrensfund FSM Voucher Scheme**

Gloucestershire County Council would like to make you aware of changes to the holiday Free School Meal (FSM) voucher scheme that they are currently offering to families in Gloucestershire. The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. The vouchers are funded through temporary grant funding they have received and is separate to that of term time free school meals.

Gloucestershire County Council committed to supporting families with 1 week of vouchers (£15) for the Easter holiday, and 1 week (£15) for the May half-term. As communicated before the Easter 2024 holiday, vouchers for the May half-term were distributed at the same time as those for the Easter holiday period. Families who signed up received a total of £30 per eligible child on or around 18 March 2024 for support with both holiday periods. Therefore, there are no vouchers being distributed in the week prior to the May 2024 half-term.

As the threshold for requesting that vouchers not received are resent, passed 4 weeks after the roll out date, we are unable to request that any vouchers for May 2024 half-term are re-issued. If parents did not receive their vouchers, please encourage them to check their spam/junk mailboxes for an email from [selectcode@select-your-reward.co.uk](mailto:selectcode@select-your-reward.co.uk), as well as ensure their mailbox settings allow junk mail.

Any future vouchers issued by the scheme will be communicated to schools via email, the Schoolsnet bulletin board and via our website nearer the time.

For any parents wishing to update details of an existing application, please ask them to email [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk) before the Summer 2024 holidays, so we can update their account, as details are not automatically updated. To find out more about the scheme, parents can visit our [FAQs | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

### **Class Snippets - (Article 28- children have the right to an education. Article 29- Education should develop a child's talents, personalities and beliefs)**

No class snippets this week, but just to say that the children taking part did so well with the Sponsored Walk and a big thank you to all the parents/relatives that walked with us. We look forward to welcoming all children back into school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June after a well-earned rest!

Have a lovely half-term break 😊



### Star of the Week Certificates



#### **Pre-school**

**Callie** - for becoming more confident and sociable during unfamiliar situations.

**Reggie** - for his independence and all-round school readiness.

#### **Class 1**

**Aakelah** - for trying her best in maths last week.

**Poppy** - for being kind to new friends.

#### **Class 2**

**Maddie** - amazing bravery in swimming.

**Sunneigh** - going above and beyond in writing.

#### **Class 3**

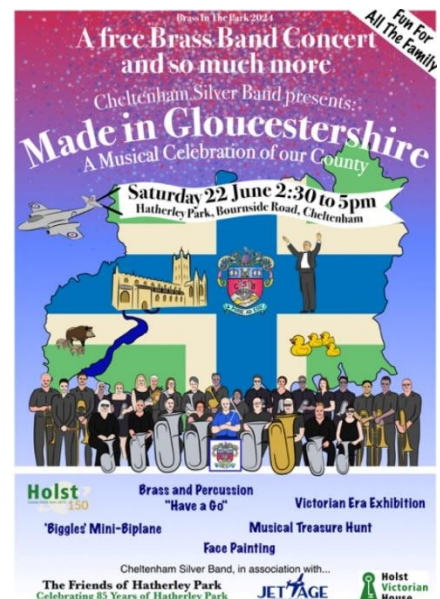
**Blair** - for great features in her story telling.

**Ruby** - for excellent contributions in guided reading.

#### **Class 4**

**Pacey** - for showing great learning behaviours across all areas.

**Evie** - for lovely writing - always a pleasure to read.



As always, please do let us know if you have any questions or queries. We do also encourage parents/carers to let us know if they have any suggestions of events or activities that you would like to see in school.

**Our Safeguarding, Behaviour, Complaints and other policies are available on our school website.**